

Veterans Employment & Training Newsletter

Special Edition: Training Information



Green Jobs Initiative

The No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) initiative offers up to two years of tuition to prepare Michigan citizens for high-demand jobs. The State of Michigan recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of this initiative and Governor Jennifer Granholm announced a Green Jobs Initiative as part of NWLB. This initiative is an investment in training for jobs in alternative energy industries including wind, solar, biofuels, geothermal, and other green industries. The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth is working with colleges and employers to create the training programs, with the realization that we must switch to renewable energy and other sustainable technologies to be economically viable and to protect our environment. A new web site has been set up to serve as a clearinghouse for information about the Green Jobs Initiative, and to facilitate collaboration among businesses, educational institutions, and government. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/greenjobs.

The GI Bill pays for OJT!

Most veterans and reservists know they can use the G.I. Bill to pay for the costs of education. But did you know that you can also receive up to \$12,000 in tax-free benefits for training twenty-four months in an On-The-Job or Apprenticeship training program?

That means that the VA will pay you up to \$878.90 a month (\$252.45 for Reserve GI Bill) tax-free, on top of your regular salary!

Here's how the GI Bill On-The-Job training program works for you!

If you are a veteran or currently in the guard or reserve the On-The-Job Training (OJT) Program offers you an alternative way to use your VA (G.I. Bill) education and training benefits. While training, you can receive monthly training benefits from the Veterans Affairs in addition to your regular salary. For more information, visit

www.military.com/Education/Content/1,13302,Education

For further assistance, contact a Veterans' Employment Specialist at (800) 455-5228.

Credentialing Your Military Experience

There are two primary types of credentials: a **license**, issued by state or federal government, allowing an individual to practice a specific occupation, and a **certificate**, usually issued by a private organization. A listing of occupations requiring a license in Michigan can be found by going to <http://www.michigan.gov/careers>. Click on "Licensed Occupations" in the support column. Learn more on how to meet specific credentialing requirements by visiting <http://www.cool.army.mil/search.htm>.

To assist in credentialing, the U.S. Department of Defense provides a method of documenting military training and experience. For retrieving a copy of your DD Form 2586 (military transcripts), visit one of the following: <https://www.acenet.edu/transcripts/>, <http://aarts.army.mil/>. For additional questions regarding credentialing, call (800) 455-5228 or view www.michigan.gov/veteraninfo. In the yellow "Veteran Information Index" box, click on Credentialing Veterans.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship programs are a combination of academic courses and hands-on training to develop a skill in a particular field in the workforce. Veterans make ideal candidates for apprenticeships because of their military skill sets and the valuable experience gained while serving our country. If you have an interest in applying for an apprenticeship program, you may consider doing some research for specific information about the following:

- Number of hours in a work week
- Physical aspects of the job
- Demographics
- Growth opportunities or potential
- Stability of the job

Be prepared to take an entry exam, and inquire about study material available.

For more information about apprenticeships for veterans, visit www.michigan.gov/vetapprentice or the [Department of Labor's web site for apprenticeship](#).



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